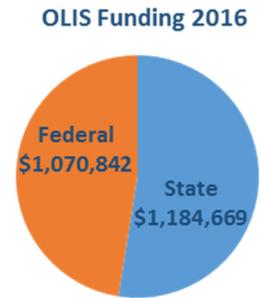


LSTA Funding in Rhode Island

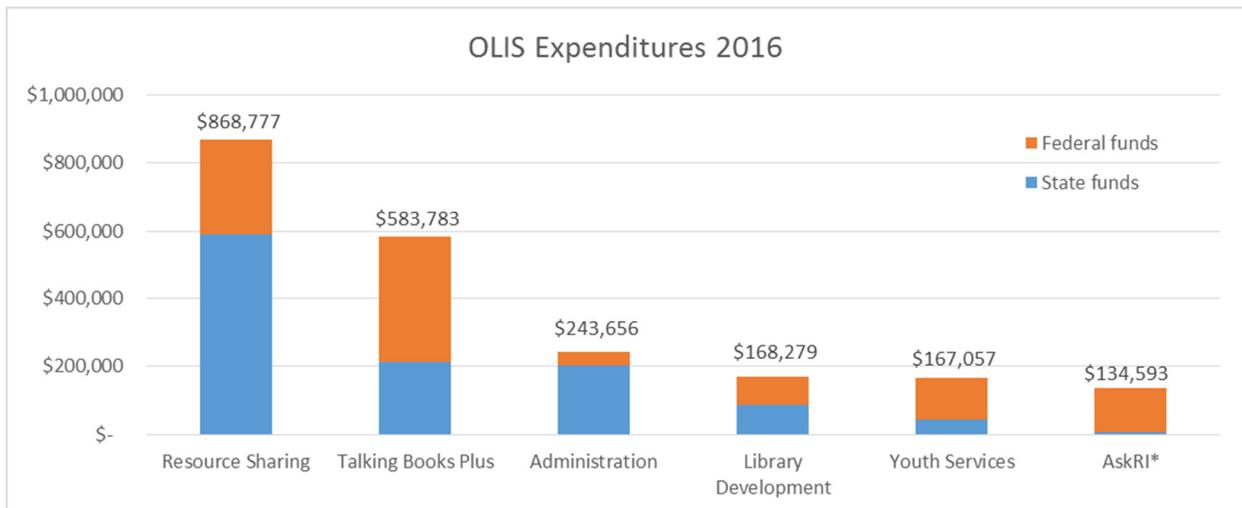
Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding has a substantial role in enabling the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS) to provide services and support to Rhode Island's libraries and Rhode Islanders.

In federal fiscal year 2016 the State provided 52.52% (\$1,184,669) of OLIS' operating budget while LSTA funds accounted for 47.48% (\$1,070,842).

LSTA funding administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) helps support the following services to Rhode Islanders:



- **Interlibrary loan and delivery services** (resource sharing) that enable Rhode Islanders to connect with hard-to-find research materials at libraries around the state or around the world.
- Library services for Rhode Islanders who are blind, visually impaired or physically disabled through the **Talking Books** program.
- **Summer reading programs** and reading initiatives for children and teens that are hosted by every public library in the Rhode Island.
- **Workforce support services** and language learning tools through AskRI.
- Support for local libraries to help **develop and preserve collections** and to enhance and expand learning opportunities for Rhode Islanders.
- Support for local libraries through statewide programs to boost the **digital, financial and health literacy skills** of Rhode Islanders.
- Support for local libraries to develop the **skills of librarians**.



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